

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 21st MARCH 2016 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: S. Hearn
J. Bowden
Mrs O. Conway
H. Grace
Mrs P. Hearn
P. Hills
N. Hollinghurst
N. Nutkins
Mrs R. Ransley
C. Townsend
G. Wilkins

Also Present: Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs D. Slade, Deputy Town Clerk

10 members of the public

18183. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were accepted from Councillor Hicks (holiday)

18184. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Councillor Grace (DP1) in planning application 4/00512/16/FHA
Councillor Townsend (DP1) in planning application 4/00135/16/ADV
Councillor Stephen Hearn, as trustee to Tring Together, agreed to take no part in item 18197. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Penny Hearn would then chair the meeting.

18185. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes and for the Mayor to sign them.

18186. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Item 18143: Brook Street - A Community Protection Notice has been sent to the company which requires a payment of £1900 to be paid to DBC within 28 days to cover the cost for the landscaping department to carry out remedial work

Item 18145: A bid has been sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner in liaison with Councillor Hollinghurst in his County role

Item 18146: Response to DBC "Statement of Community Involvement" has been sent

Item 18160: The response to the London Midland Franchise has been submitted. The response from Aldbury Parish Council has been circulated for information

18187. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor attended the following functions in his civic role:

27th February 2016: Tring in Transition Eco Fayre at Victoria Hall

4th March 2016: Dacorum Mayor's Civic Reception at Pendley Manor

17th March 2016: Dacorum Technology Tournament at Ashlyns School

The Mayor expressed his disappointment that Tring School was not represented at this event.

The Clerk reported the following correspondence:

1. Invitation from TDLH&MS to walk Footpath 88 on Friday 1st April 2016
2. Chiltern Countryside Group re. erosion of protected Green Belt on the western edge of Tring
3. CRT South Eastern Region Waterway Forum on 19th April 2016 in Braunston
4. Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter

18188. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were suspended **by resolution** at 7.40pm to allow members of the public present to speak.

Two members of the public gave their objections to planning application 4/00611/16/FHA

- Loss of light to neighbouring properties
- Overshadowing
- Out of keeping

The applicant of 4/00135/16/ADV explained that the amended plan had reduced the length of the hoarding by 10% and reduced the time to 6 months. It was felt that the sign would not be visible from the AONB.

The applicant of 4/00158/16/FHA explained that the juliette balcony had been removed from the amended plan.

Two members of the public gave their objections to planning application 4/00158/16/FHA

- No significant change from previous application
- Reduction in parking spaces
- Over development and overshadowing
- Adjacent property no longer detached

Standing orders were resumed **by resolution** at 7.48pm.

18189. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered planning applications that had been referred by Dacorum Borough Council for observation of this authority. It was decided to request the Local Planning Authority to take the following comments into consideration when determining the under-mentioned applications.

PLAN REF. NO.

4/00158/16/FHA (amended plans) part two storey and part single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 30 Elm Tree Walk, Tring HP23 5EJ for Mr and Mrs A Walters

The council recommend **refusal** of this application due to over development of the site and the loss of amenity to the property itself and to neighbouring properties.

Councillor Townsend left the meeting at 7.53pm.

4/00135/16/ADV (amended plans) construction of advertising hoarding for 6 months at High Drive, Aylesbury Road, Tring HP23 4DJ for Laxton Properties Ltd

The council has **no objection** to the hoarding but asks that the request for more land be removed.

Councillor Townsend returned to the meeting at 8.00pm.

4/00610/16/FHA Demolition of existing garage. Construction of single storey side extension, with associated internal works and external timber decking at 9 Deans Close, Tring HP23 4AS for Mrs Nicola Clouden

The council has **no objection** to this application

4/00491/16/FHA single storey side extension at 31 Deans Furlong, Tring HP23 4AR for Mr Barry Goode

The council has **no objection** to this application

Councillor Grace left the meeting at 8.01pm.

4/00512/16/FHA two storey side extension at Red Roofs, Little Tring Road, Little Tring HP23 4NP for Mr Gordon Coles

The council has **no objection** to this application

Councillor Grace returned to the meeting at 8.03pm.

4/00611/16/FHA two storey rear extension at 36 Kingsley Walk, Tring HP23 5DN for Ms Sandra Barker

The council recommend **refusal** of this application as it is out of keeping with the character of the area. It is an overdevelopment of the site and would be the first brick extension thereby setting an unwelcome precedent.

4/00615/16/FHA two storey side extension and front porch at 1 Woodland Close, Tring HP23 6BY for Mr Susan Rivers Brown

The council has **no objection** to this application

18190. LIST OF DECISIONS BY DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council noted the following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

PLAN REF. NO.

4/00302/16/HPA	Prior approval not required for single storey rear extension measuring 4.5m deep with a maximum height of 2.9m and a maximum eaves height of 2.7m at 23 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EE
4/00075/16/FHA	Permission granted for front porch at 2 Grenadine Way, Tring HP23 5EA
4/04114/15/LBC	Permission granted for change of external paint colour of front elevation at 50 High Street, Tring HP23 5AG
4/00026/16/FHA	Permission granted for creation of new chimney at 42 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JR
4/03729/15/FHA	Permission refused for two storey front and rear extensions at 6 The Beeches, Tring HP23 5NP
4/00108/16/LDP	Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 57 Mortimer Hill, Tring HP23 5JA
4/00100/16/ROC	Permission granted for variation of condition 10 (wall repair/protection) attached to planning permission - 4/01155/14/FUL - change of use from sui generis to residential (C3), demolition of existing depot, retention of existing perimeter wall, construction of two storey residential accommodation comprising of four two bedroom flats and one three bedroom dwelling with associated car parking, cycle shelter, refuse/recycling store, fencing, landscaping at Council Depot, Queen Street, Tring HP23 6BQ
4/00109/16/FHA	Permission granted for single storey rear and two storey rear extension at 71 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JR
4/00146/16/LDP	Permission granted for single storey side extension at 78 Elm Tree Walk, Tring HP23 5EJ

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions of Dacorum Borough Council

18191. PERMANENT & TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

None received

18192. STANDING COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Planning Committee held on 7th March 2016
- (ii) Building & Assets Committee held on 7th March 2016
- (iii) Town Plan and Infrastructure Committee held on 14th March 2016

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above

18193. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr Wilkins	‘Meet your Council’ on 4 th March 2016, celebration of outdoor play at Nora Grace Hall, attended Standards Committee at DBC
Cllr Hill	Attended celebration of outdoor play at Nora Grace Hall and Dacorum Environmental Forum
Cllr Townsend	Attended celebration of outdoor play at Nora Grace Hall, had spoken to St Peter and Paul Church re. the renovation of War Memorial and grant funding, attended planning and strategy meeting of FOTCH
Cllr Hollinghurst	Attended celebration of outdoor play at Nora Grace Hall
Cllr Ransley	‘Meet your Council’ on 4 th March 2016, attended Eco Fayre
Cllr Nutkins	Attended Youth Council meeting on 24 th February 2016 when concerns re. transport were raised
Cllr Hearn	The Ladies Section of the Royal British Legion in Tring will not now be closing due to a change in administration.

18194. MEET YOUR COUNCIL

The following matters were reported to the meeting and would be dealt with as appropriate:

- State of roads in general and lighting
- Zebra crossing at Mortimer Hill needs repainting and light is out
- Reduced access for emergency vehicles in Western Road due to parked cars
- Lack of cleanliness in Dolphin Square and wall collapsed again
- Lighting across Pound Meadow
- Speeding traffic on Icknield Way and speed strip ineffective
- Building extensions is ruining grass verges outside properties
- Drivers going to Tring School are driving too fast
- No café or shop has been included in the development of the Rose and Crown
- Dog fouling in Pond Close is causing a nuisance
- Speeding traffic from Wigginton to Tring

18195. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Town Council meetings held on the 24th February 2016 were circulated prior to the Council meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

18196. THE CLERK’S FINANCIAL REPORT AND TO CERTIFY THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk outlined the current status against the phased budget – expenditure always higher at year end but receipts up too. A meeting has been held with Dacorum Borough Council regarding the recovery of funds for the Town Plan so far. The sheep are to be removed from the Duckmore Lane grass keep and work on the land will commence shortly. The field will also be re-fenced. The schedule of payments was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To confirm and certify the schedule of payments as presented

Councillor S Hearn left the meeting at 8.45pm. Councillor P Hearn took the chair.

18197. GRANT APPLICATION FROM TRING TOGETHER

A request for funding (£2265) has been received (circulated prior to meeting) towards updating the ‘Tring Days Out’ itinerary and their inclusion in the Tring Heritage Trail App.

RESOLVED: to grant the sum of £2265 to Tring Together and to ask the organisation to report back to the Council on its relationship with the business community in Tring.

Councillor S Hearn returned to the meeting at 8.50pm and took the Chair.

18198. THE NATIONAL LIVING WAGE

It was noted that the National Living Wage (currently £6.70 for those over 21 years old) replaces the National Minimum Wage and it will be £7.20 an hour for workers aged 25 and older.

RESOLVED: to comply with the required changes.

18199. LOCAL ALLOCATION ICKNIELD WAY/AYLESBURY ROAD (LA5)

Currently there are three strands of work with regard the Council’s position on LA5 now that the Site Allocations Development Plan Document has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

1. Councillor Townsend is examining the process followed in preparing the relevant planning documents.
2. Councillor Conway is liaising with the local MP and legal counsel.
3. The Clerk is sourcing independent planning expertise

RESOLVED: to set up a meeting with the planning consultant and legal counsel to discuss a possible challenge.

18200. TWINNING PROPOSAL

Following discussion, it was decided to politely decline the offer of twinning with Cuincy in France.

Standing orders were suspended at 9.20pm to allow a member of the public to outline concerns about the proposed 20mph speed restrictions in parts of Tring.

He was asked to outline his concerns in writing so that the matter could be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

Standing orders were resumed at 9.25pm.

18201. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS (at 9.26pm)

RESOLVED: To exclude members of the press and public under section I of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the commercial or confidence nature of the business

18202. ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD

RESOLVED: to accept the recommendation of the Finance and Policy Committee

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chairman